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## **EPA agrees** to cleanup

BAR MILLS (AP) - The Environmental Protection Agency has agreed to take charge of the demolition and cleanup of potential hazardous materials at a fiberboard mill that closed Byears ago.

The federal agency is willing to commit up to \$560,000 to the project, U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe said

Thursday.

The Rogers Fibre Mill has deteriorated since it stopped producing fiberboard in 1980. Some residents had feared that the mill

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"The EPA cleanup is a welcome . step that will remove these hazards and allow progress toward returning the mill property and adjacent land near the Saco River to productive use," said Snowe, R-Maine.

Local officials are prepared to foreclose on the property because of unpaid taxes, but progress was slowed because of the cost; of cleaning up of the site, which may have hazardous materials.

Snowe brought the matter to the attention of the EPA on behalf of the Board of Selectmen in neighboring Buxton.

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